

Approved 05/30/2013

Exeter Fire District

(May 09, 2013)

Call to Order

District Clerk, Bill Nievera, called the May meeting of the Exeter Fire District to order at 7:00pm. Present were commissioners Slater, Rooney, Chappell, Aker, Franklin and Nievera. Ms. MacDonald, district treasurer, was also present. There were 6 members of the public in attendance.

Public Comment

There was no comment from the public.

Election of Officers

The election of officers was tabled until the June meeting.

Treasurer's Report

Ms. MacDonald reported as to the amount of tax receipts and the corresponding collection rates to date. She was unable to furnish a report of the treasurer but will do so at the next meeting. Mr. Chappell moved (Mr. Franklin second) the addition of Mr. Aker as a signatory on the district checking account. (Two signatures are needed on checks over a certain amount.) The motion passed unanimously. Ms.

MacDonald will co-ordinate this action.

Mr. Chamberlain asked about not receiving reimbursement for a training that had been held in August 2012. Ms. MacDonald stated that the Rhode Island EMA had informed the Exeter EMA director that the forms had been processed in late Feb. 2013 and a check would be forthcoming. The check was received and deposited in late March, 2013 and is being processed for reimbursement.

Previous Month's Minutes

Mr. Franklin moved (Mr. Aker second) acceptance of the minutes of the March 14th meeting. The motion carried unanimously. Mr. Nievera will re-circulate these minutes and file them with the Secretary of State's office at his earliest convenience.

Communications

Mr. Nievera reported that all operational mail has been given to the treasurer for her action. He also reported the receipt of letters of resignation from Mr. Lacouture and Mr. Wilbur. He has also received letters appointing Mr. Franklin and Mr. Kettelle to the vacated positions on the board.

Old Business

Mr. Nievera read the report of the collector and reported on the

collections to date. He also gave a brief status report on the upcoming tax sale, noting that it was necessary to change the date of the sale due to newspaper publication issues. There are currently 21 accounts involved in the tax sale to be held on 06/19/2013.

The reorganization of the Ad hoc committees was tabled until the June meeting.

New Business

A lengthy discussion pertaining to the issues with the Exeter Rescue Corps ensued. Several issues were discussed; among them were patient care issues and the ability of the organization to function under the current budgetary restrictions. It was agreed that Chief Colacone would meet with the commissioners and present their way forward after speaking with his board at their May 21st meeting. The discussion was more cordial than it has been in the recent past. Mr. Aker has agreed to assist the Rescue Corps with financial matters. Mr. Jordan is considering offering his assistance in an administrative roll. The sense of the meeting was that the organization is worth saving, but the commissioners have the responsibility to deliver quality rescue services to the tax payers and will take any necessary actions towards that end.

Chief Chamberlain (EVFD#1) reports a tanker drill is scheduled for 05/21. Mr. Jordan suggested having the drill videotaped as documentation for ISO.

Mr. Nievera offered that the dispatch corporation says that they'll

have difficulties going forward under the current budget.

Next Meeting

A special meeting of the commissioners and the board of the Exeter Rescue Corps will be held on May 30th, 2013 to discuss the budget cuts voted upon at the annual meeting. The meeting will be held in the meeting room of the EVFD#1 and begin at 7:00pm. The next regularly scheduled meeting of the Exeter Fire District, board of commissioners, will be held on June 13th, 2013. The meeting will be held in the program room of the Exeter Public Library. The meeting will begin at 7:00pm.

Adjournment

Mr. Chappell moved (Mr. Franklin second) adjournment at 8:26 pm. The motion carried unanimously.

Respectfully Submitted,

**Bill Nievera, Clerk
Exeter Fire District**